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MEMORANDUM TO THE DIRECTOR

Information: Natural Resources Commission

Subject: Order to Regulate the Use of Lands in the Gaylord Management Unit,
Cheboygan County
Land Use Order of the Director Amendment No. 10 of 2008

Authority:

The Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (NREPA), 1994 PA 451, as amended, authorizes the Director to issue orders to implement land use rules.

Discussion and Background

This amendment to Land Use Order of the Director 4.13 is needed to control the use of wheeled-motorized vehicles on the property known as Lee Grand Ranch. The Department has recently acquired a conservation easement on this property located in Sections 9, 10, 15, and 16, T35 N R01W, Cheboygan County. The road closure order will provide for enforcement of the road controls which were already in place when the Department acquired the land. There is a perimeter fence on the property as well as gates in place on the roads.

A plan is being developed by staff to improve parking sites at appropriate locations which will provide for access to the property. This plan will be part of the overall management plan for the lands being drafted this year. A component of the plan and reason for maintaining the closures will be to provide for roadless conditions for wildlife to achieve wildlife population goals for both game and non-game species.

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Recommendation:

This item appeared on the Department's April 28 and May 27, 2008 calendars, and may be eligible for approval on June 5, 2008.

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LAND USE ORDERS OF THE DIRECTOR

Amendment No. 10 of 2008

By authority conferred on the Director of the Department of Natural Resources by Section 504 of Act No. 451 of the Public Acts of 1994, as amended, being section 324.504 of the Michigan Compiled Laws and in accordance with R 299.671 and R 299.922 of the Michigan Administrative Code, the Director of the Department of Natural Resources orders that the following order of the Land Use Orders of the Director shall read as follows:

4.13 Certain state-owned lands, Cheboygan county, camping, wheeled motorized vehicles, prohibited conduct.

Order 4.13. A person shall not do any of the following on the described state-owned lands, Cheboygan county.

(1) Camp or use wheeled motorized vehicles, except on the marked and designated Michigan cross-country cycle trail, within the NW1/4 of the NW1/4 of section 15, and the NE1/4 of the NE1/4 of section 16, T35N R2W.

(2) Operate a motorized vehicle which is greater than 50 inches in width on the posted scramble area in sections 1 and 12, T36N R1E.

(3) Enter, use, or occupy including operate a wheeled, motorized vehicle on the closed forest road located in the NE1/4 of the NE1/4 of section 11, T36N R1E.

(4) Operate a wheeled motorized vehicle, except for those properly registered under 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.1 et seq., on land 100' to either side of the extension of Eisen trail from the campground gate then west to the end of state land within the S1/2 of the NW1/4, section 24, T36N R1E, commonly known as the lower unit of black lake state forest campground.

(5) Operate a wheeled motorized vehicle, on the closed forest roads located in sections 9, 10, 15 and 16, T35N R10W, on the property known as Lee grand ranch.

This amended order shall be posted on or after June 6, 2008.

Issued on this 5th day of June, 2008.

Rebecca A. Humphries
Director